

# Calvary Echoes

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## *A Message from our Pastor*

The Bible says, “The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons.” It’s just amazing how accurate God’s word describes the days we live in leading up to Jesus Second Coming. The Bible doesn’t only describe those who have fallen away from the faith, but it also describes those who are faithful for the cause of Jesus Christ. In Revelation chapter two Jesus speaks about the church of Ephesus in these words, “I know your deeds, your hard work and your perseverance. I know that you cannot tolerate wicked people, that you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not, and have found them false. You have persevered and have endured hardships for my name, and have not grown weary (Revelation 2:2-3).” As Jesus’ followers, we are called to be people of conviction when it comes to a relationship with Jesus, our beliefs about Jesus, and our service to Jesus’.

John Engebretson recently went to be with Jesus on July 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:20am. I believe Jesus was speaking in Revelation 2 about people like John who not only had a personal relationship with Jesus, but he also walked the walk. The reason John came to Calvary in the last couple of years was simple he was a person of conviction not compromise. He was willing to give up the things this world could offer to stand for Jesus’ name and the authority of the Bible. I asked John one time why it so important to stand on God’s word and not the word of the world. In not so many words, he told me that God alone has the word to eternal life; whereas, the world does not. When it comes to Jesus and Jesus’ teachings for John, there cannot be any compromise but rather dogmatic conviction that God’s Holy Word is standard for Christian living period! As the Bible put it, “All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work (2 Timothy 3:16-17).”

My prayer for everyone at Calvary is that we, like John, can be a person of conviction when it comes to Jesus’ name, Jesus’ word, and Jesus’ church. I believe it will be those who walk the walk and not just talk the talk that will hear from the Lord those words “Well done, good and faithful servant (Matthew 25:21)!”

Brother in Christ,

Pastor Kurt



# August Birthdays



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 Jon Engle	9	10 Duane Bauer Christen Smith Julie Maisch	11	12 Connie Pitt	13
14 Yvonne Nelson Koya Olsen	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22 Rodney Wendt Marie Newlin Glenda Funk	23 Terry Gensmann	24	25 Jueleen Schaffer	26	27 Lowell Anderson
28	29	30	31	Happy	Birth	Day!!!

Don't see your name on the birthday list?

If you would like us to know more about you, please fill out your Yellow cards Sunday morning and place them in the offering plates!



# Announcements



**Food Pantry Needs:** Food Items of the Month- Top Ramen

**Please Remember** that articles for the Sunday bulletin need to be in the church office by 1 p.m. on Wednesdays, and the Echoes, by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month. **Thanks!**

**CHECK YOUR CHURCH MAILBOXES** - there are new Mission Letters for you to enjoy & the Echoes (Calvary's Newsletter)! If you don't have a mailbox & would like one, please let the church office know!

**'INSPIRATIONAL' WOMEN'S GROUP** will meet this Wed, August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1:30 p.m. in the Welcome Area. We will review a book from our church library, followed by a Bible Study. Come and join us!

**'EnCourage' Youth:** Calling all Jr. High and High School Students!! Join us for youth night every Wednesday from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in Calvary's Worship Area. Enjoy games, fellowship, relationship building, and of course deep exploration into God's Word.

**Remember Calvary on your vacation** and take lots of photos to share with us for worship! We are always interested in using photos from people in our congregation. We love landscapes, skies, water, people, interesting buildings, you name it! If you have some photos you would like to share please contact Jenny Rau 756-6966!

**HeBREWS CAFÉ:** will be taking the rest of the summer off. See you in the fall! There will still be coffee in the Fellowship Hall Sunday morning!

**Hope Pregnancy Ministries Baby Bottle Campaign** *has come to a close!* Remember to return your filled (or empty) bottle.

**Thrivent Builds:** The construction at the Columbia Falls Habitat house continues to progress. In the next two weeks, the roof trusses will be set and the roofing started. The family to occupy this house should be selected in the next couple of weeks also. Remember that our church has a workday scheduled for August 27<sup>th</sup>, look for a signup sheet later in August. Thanks!

**Needs Board Opportunities!** \*Material to seal parking lot cracks- \$200. \*Weed eater for the Church – has been donated! \*'EPIC' floor cleaning materials to do the Worship Area floors, front & back – balance due has been met! Thanks for your generosity & prayer, all other needs to date, have been met!

**LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF UPDATE:** The quilters will continue sending quilts to LWR. The quilting group is off for the summer, but starting in September we will quilt the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. We will continue collecting and sending new bar soap to LWR. Please continue to donate school supplies and washcloths, towels of any size, tooth brushes, toothpaste, combs and fingernail clippers. We will give our school supplies to the Salvation Army to be used for local kids. We will also have “personal items” available in Calvary’s Closet. It makes more sense to have our Mission Outreach be right here in our community!

**THE FOOD BANK** serves at Calvary the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of the month, from 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. They are in need of people to help set up at 8:30 a.m. and take down at 11:45 a.m. You are welcome to stay the whole time if you would like!! Please make note on your yellow attendance sheet or contact the church (752-4102) if you are interested in serving in this important ministry! THANK YOU!!

**MAGAZINES FOR OUR TROOPS!** There is a box in the Welcome Area for used or new magazines that will be sent to our troops. If you have any you could share, that would be great and an encouragement for our troops overseas!! Thanks ☺

**TARPS FOR TENTS** we are putting together tote boxes filled with heavy duty plastic tarps, ropes, and tent pegs that can be shipped where needed and used as emergency shelters. With the increasing number of natural disasters worldwide, these totes can be prepared ahead of time and when needed, shipped to our sister churches near the disaster for distribution. If you wish to help by bringing in tarps, rope or tent pegs, please do. If you have any questions, feel free to call Rick Funk at 257-7716. If you would prefer to donate funds for the purchase of these items, please make the checks out to Calvary Lutheran Church and write Tarps for Tents on the Memo line.



## Upcoming Events

LCMC ANNUAL GATHERING is Oct. 2–5, 2011. The church is budgeted for \$500 to cover registration and help with expenses. Pastor Kurt and Jenny will be attending. We hope to have other representatives from Calvary go also. Registration fees are \$90 per person, which includes most meals. Travel and room expenses are extra. Please pray for the gathering, those that will attend and if this is an area God would have you support financially! This National Gathering is a great opportunity to build relationships with other LCMC congregations!

'NEWSBOYS' CHRISTIAN CONCERT is Tuesday, August 16<sup>th</sup>; 7:30 p.m. at the fairgrounds! We will purchase the tickets that have been requested and paid for, the first week of August. The church office will contact you when we have them so you can pick them up! Should be a great concert, see you there!!





OUR SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS to the family of John Engebretson. John passed away Sunday morning, July 24<sup>th</sup>. His memorial service was held at Calvary, Saturday 7/30/11 at 1 p.m., with Pastor Kurt Rau officiating. *'Just a huge God Bless You to our Calvary Church Family in our time of need. Thanks! Dan & Jami'*

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 'PandaMania': THANKS TO ALL who helped and participated. What a wonderful week (July 11-15) of praising and learning about God! The kids shared some of the songs they learned with Calvary's congregation Sunday, July 17<sup>th</sup>. Thank you, how awesome to see the joy of God in the kids and the leaders!

DEAR FRIEND,

Like most young men in the Andes Mountains, Ricardo left his village and family when he was 14 to find work. One day, while putting air in tires for cars and trucks along the highway, a tire exploded in Ricardo's face. It was almost one year later before Ricardo woke up from the accident. He was sitting in a wheelchair in a home for people with disabilities in Lima, and he was unable to swallow, speak or walk.

Since the accident, it has been impossible to find Ricardo's family, but Ricardo has found a family in Young Life. For the past two years, Young Life leaders have been faithful friends to Ricardo, invading his lonely world with the love of Jesus and bringing him literally back to life. For instance, the leaders discovered that Ricardo played guitar in his former life, so they got him a guitar and began to retrain his memory. The guitar has become a catalyst to his recovery, and recently Ricardo spoke his first sentence: "Te quiero," he said to his leaders. In plain English, "I love you."

In the midst of his recovery, Ricardo has decided to place his faith in Jesus Christ. The staff and therapists who work with him have even commented on the change. They can't explain in medical terms his recovery, his attitude and his hope. But Ricardo can explain it. He has woken up once again, this time to his new life as God's son.

Thank you for supporting Young Life. Thank you for giving kids like Ricardo the chance to meet Jesus. Countless kids across this country and around the world are waking up to new life as a result. Right now, thousands of kids at Young Life camps are hearing the Good News. Soon, Ricardo will have hundreds of new brothers and sisters. Thank you for making this possible with your support.

In Christ, Denny Rydberg



# Council Highlights



Eric Maisch opened with prayer and led devotion from Matthew 18:22.

**Bible Study:** Council broke into small groups, each group was given a scripture passage. (Luke 6:46-39, Luke 15:11-20, Luke 15:21-27) Three questions were discussed in each group, 1) What pops out to you? 2) What issue is addressed? 3) How does Jesus address it? Groups then came together; each passage and question was shared and discussed.

**Prayer:** Council went back into small groups & prayed for the needs God placed on each person's heart.

## FYI

1. **Parking Lot Cracks:** in process of repair. Thanks Tom Foreman!
2. **VBS Update:** Awesome time! We had close to 40 kids by the end of the week. Koya Olsen is already looking at options for VBS next year!
3. **Boiler Update:** received a detailed bid of \$36,000 from Dave Dickey (Diamond Plumbing). Top of the line equipment, two 500,000BTU stainless steel units. Goal is to have done by mid Sept. Motion was made and accepted to get two more bids.
4. **Basement Fire Exit Signs:** pending
5. **'EnCourage' Youth Car Wash:** Wed, 7/27, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. To raise money for the youth's portion of the 'Newsboys' concert tickets.
6. **Booklets on Salvation in Christ** are being looked into for Calvary's closet to hand out.
7. **John Engebretson's funeral** is Sat, 7/30 at 1 p.m. Council will help with ushering and parking.
8. **Church Sign:** We still need the letters and cover for the sign. We will continue to pursue this being completed.

## LET'S TAKE ACTION

1. **Fall Cleaning Process:** target date will be Saturday, Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>. Daniel Erickson is currently making a list of things that need to be done & taking inventory of supplies we have & what will be needed. A sign up sheet will be made for the areas that need cleaning/repair.
2. **Job Reviews:** Al Sylling is heading up. We will contact him to see what info he has so far and will continue from there.
3. **Testimonies:** Thanks from Jami and Daniel for all the support from Calvary. Several shared the power of prayer in their life and their loved ones.
4. **Other:** *LCMC Annual Gathering* is Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> in Des Moines, Iowa. Keep this opportunity in prayer, for God's provision and for those He would have attend.

Council meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.



# July Budget

## SUMMARY FOR THIS MONTH'S RECEIPTS

Beginning Balance for July	140.50
Worship Offerings	9818.22
AA Building Use Donation	16.11
Com. Kitchen Evergreen/Electric Use	120.00
NYL Annuity Interest	<u>950.00</u>
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>11044.83</b>

## MONTHLY OPERATIONAL EXPENSES

Expenses in July	11341.77
Unpaid Expenses in Jan.-June	+ <u>0.00</u>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>11341.77</b>
Total Expenses Paid in July	- <u>9753.07</u>
<b>UNPAID EXPENSES IN JAN-JULY</b>	<b>1588.70</b>

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ATTEND.</u>	<u>WORSHIP OFF.</u>	<u>NEED WKLY</u> (to meet budgeted goal)
7/3	65	2837.00	2898.12
7/10	84	2502.07	2898.12
7/17	86	2333.00	2898.12
7/24	86	2146.15	2898.12
7/31			2898.12

## MONTHLY RECEIPTS (\$12,558.50 needed per mo. to meet budget goal)

"My God shall supply all my needs according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:19

JAN 12161.00	MAY 12818.50	SEPT
FEB 12529.00	JUN 10908.31	OCT
MAR 11755.97	JUL 10904.33	NOV
APR 13336.00	AUG	DEC

## **Remaining July Expenses**

Pastor's Salary	1088.70
Pastor's Housing Allowance	<u>500.00</u>
<b>Total July expenses</b>	<b>1588.70</b>

Have in Checking Acct.	-1291.76
<b>Balance due with (1) Sunday remaining</b>	<b>296.94</b>

*We have one Sunday remaining in July (7/31/11).  
Remaining expenses will be paid Monday, August 1<sup>st</sup>.  
Thank you for your support of Calvary &  
the ministries God has called us to!*

## *Tid Bits*



### The U in JesUs

Before U were thought of or time had begun, God even stuck U in the name of His Son. And each time U pray, you'll see it's true you can't spell out JesUs and not include U. You're a pretty big part of His wonderful name, for U, He was born; that's why He came. And His great love for U is the reason He died. It even takes U to spell crUcified. Isn't it thrilling and splendidly grand He rose from the dead, with U in His plan? The stones split away, the gold trUmpet blew, and this word resUrrection is spelled with a U. When JesUs left earth at His upward ascension, He felt there was one thing He just had to mention.

"Go into the world and tell them it's true That I love them all - Just like I love U."

So many great people are spelled with a U, don't they have a right to know JesUs too? It all depends now on what U will do, He'd like them to know,  
But it all starts with U.

### ATTITUDES

The longer I live, the more I realize the impact of attitude on life. Attitude is more important than facts. It is more important than the past, than education, than money, than circumstances, than failures, than successes, than what other people think or say or do. It is more important than appearance, giftedness or skill. It will make or break a company ... a church ... a home. The remarkable thing is we have a choice every day regarding the attitude we will embrace for that day. We cannot change the past. We cannot change the fact that people will act a certain way. We cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play on the one string we have, and that is our attitude.

I am convinced that life is 10% what happens to me and 90% how I react to it.

And so it is with you; ...

we are in charge of our attitudes.

-Charles Swindoll